



Urban Forestry Stewardship Award – Nomination Form

The Washington Community Forestry Council is composed of individuals from throughout Washington State who represent the many facets of urban and community forestry. The Council believes in recognizing those who have made exemplary contributions to urban forestry. Through this award program, the Council provides individuals, businesses and organizations with deserved recognition for preserving, planting and managing community forests and trees for public benefits and quality of life.

If you know someone who has demonstrated exceptional leadership, creativity, cooperation and stewardship through their work in Urban and Community Forestry, simply complete the nomination form below and send it in with a brief letter of explanation. (No more than one page, please.) In reviewing nominations we will give priority to those whose efforts are voluntary or above and beyond their typical job duties and expectations.

There is no deadline for submitting nominations. Certificates of award are presented six times each year in different cities across Washington State.

Print or type the nominee's name

Nominee's phone number

Nominee's street address/city/state/zip code

Print or type your name

Your phone number

Your email address

Your street address/city/state/zip code

(Note: We will only use your contact information to communicate with you about this nomination, if needed. We will not send you any other correspondence.)

SEND TO: Washington Community Forestry Council
P.O. Box 47037
Olympia, WA 98504-7037

For more information call toll free to 1-800-523-TREE or email urban_forestry@wadnr.gov.
Visit the Washington Community Forestry Council's website at www.dnr.wa.gov/wcfc.

Frequently Asked Questions About Urban and Community Forestry

Q: What is the Washington State Urban and Community Forestry Program?

A: The Washington State Urban and Community Forestry Program works to educate citizens and decision-makers about the economic, environmental, psychological and aesthetic benefits of trees and to assist local governments, citizen groups and volunteers in planting and sustaining healthy trees and vegetation wherever people live and work in Washington State. Its mission is to provide leadership to create self-sustaining urban and community forestry programs that preserve, plant and manage forests and trees for public benefits and quality of life. The program is located at the Washington State Department of Natural Resources and is advised by a statewide citizen advisory committee, the Washington Community Forestry Council.

Q: What is Urban and Community Forestry (UCF)?

A: UCF focuses on the economic, environmental and social relationships that develop between people and plants within a community. As a profession, UCF is the planting and management of trees and green-spaces on publicly-owned properties, such as parks, greenbelts, natural areas and rights-of-way. While there may be many definitions of UCF, the general goal is to create safe, healthy, sustainable and more livable communities by integrating trees and plants into our cities and towns. For more information, visit the web page for the Washington Community Forestry Council at www.dnr.wa.gov/wcfc.

Q: From a local perspective, what are some options for funding urban and community forestry (UCF)?

A: There is no simple answer to this question, but there are numerous examples of communities across the country building incredible urban forestry programs on shoestring budgets. However, having the funds is of little use if the community does not support local UCF efforts. Urban forestry has logical connections to nearly every aspect of a community, and there are numerous civic organizations, businesses, non-profit groups and municipal departments that can provide funding for trees. There are also grant dollars available not only from tree-friendly groups, but also from wildlife, watershed and soil conservation organizations. Don't underestimate the efforts of volunteers! Volunteers are your strongest and most cost-effective assets. There are no tricks or secrets-establishing funding for Urban and Community Forestry. It is simply a matter of innovation, networking, education, opportunity, patience and enthusiasm.

Q: What is Tree City USA? Can my community be a Tree City USA?

A: Tree City USA is a recognition program for cities and towns. It was started by the National Arbor Day Foundation to help communities better manage their trees. Four criteria have to be met to achieve Tree City USA status: (1) there must be a volunteer tree board or someone on staff to address tree-related issues, (2) there must be a tree ordinance, (3) two dollars per capita must be put toward tree planting and care, and (4) the community needs to celebrate Arbor Day. These might seem like steep requirements, but you'd probably be surprised at how qualified your community already is. Tree City USA is flexible enough to allow the largest cities and the smallest towns to participate. The program is open to all incorporated cities, towns and military bases across the United States. For more information on Tree City USA or the National Arbor Day Foundation, visit www.arborday.org.



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Washington Community Forestry Council Urban Forest Stewardship Award Criteria

The award will be presented to those individuals who best meet the following criteria:

- Demonstrated continued interest and participation in community beautification, habitat restoration or forestry programs.
- Provided extraordinary services without the motive for financial reward.
- Are known for their leadership and services among their fellow volunteers and within their communities.
- To date have not received a high degree of formal recognition for their contributions to urban and community forestry.
- Participated in or been responsible for organizing an activity that is consistent with the purpose of the Washington Department of Natural Resources Urban and Community Forestry Program and the mission of the Washington Community Forestry Council.*
- Participated in or been responsible for organizing an activity that is consistent with the local jurisdiction's urban and community forestry objectives. The local jurisdiction may include city, county or tribal governments or authorized advisory committees such as Tree Boards.

* The purpose of the Washington State Urban and Community Forestry Program is to “educate citizens and decision-makers about the economic, environmental, psychological and aesthetic benefits of trees and to assist local governments, citizen groups and volunteers in planting and sustaining healthy trees and vegetation wherever people live and work in Washington State.”

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